

ADDRESSING EXTREME WEATHER AT SUPERFUND SITES

BACKGROUND:

- EPA's Superfund Program previously conducted a site portfolio-level screening analysis of potential vulnerabilities to determine the level and nature of response required to potential impacts of extreme weather (2012).
- Based on the findings of the analysis, the agency determined that the existing regulatory framework included the authorities and guidance needed to address the challenge, and no changes were needed.
- CERCLA and the National Contingency Plan already provide the foundational basis for consideration of potential extreme weather impacts at Superfund sites (Long Term Protectiveness/Short Term Protectiveness).
- The OIG recently initiated a research project on hurricane preparedness and the GAO also initiated an investigation last month.

TALKING POINTS:

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5